

## Harpswell Conservation Commission

Minutes for March 10, 2009 Workshop

Municipal Office Building, 263 Mountain Road, Harpswell, Maine 04079

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maryann Nahf at 3:05 PM.

Members present: Maryann Nahf (chair), Deirdre Strachan, Anne Perry, Burr Taylor, Don Jones

Also present: Carol Tukey (Town Planner)

Absent: Ann Nemrow, Tony Barrett

**Minutes** of the March 3, 2009 meeting were approved, as corrected (Vernal pool training is 3:30-5:30; compost typo)

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Open Space Plan – Town Meeting potential questions:** Why we need a Plan? Because Harpswell is changing and we need to guide the change. Re: Reasons for Focus Areas and how did we choose them?. Dan's Ice Pond – there is no public access at present, but ponds are important to the water resource and to habitat; also there are possibilities for low impact recreation, such as ice fishing or skating (Don). Be positive "Your comment makes sense; thanks for input; remember the Plan is a blueprint, not set in stone, a living document." (Deirdre). Allen Point, Clark Cove – expect comments.

Burr had several comments: How would the Town prioritize if several parcels became available in a Focus Area? (Use Fred's methods?) Who will supply help if I need to know about best management practices in a Focus Area? (We'd work with landowner to find what features are special about the property, then determine methods to preserve them.)

2. **Town Meeting Table.** Set-up will be Friday at 3:30 PM. Don will see about getting a sample compost bin. Burr will bring a hand truck to the TO to move large boxes at 3 PM Friday. Saturday 9-11 AM Don will stand-by table, 11-1 Anne will stand-by table. Other materials; Composter order blanks and "How to Compost" flyers, OSP Q&A flyers, poster of developed/undeveloped land in Harpswell? Map of adopted roads, and presentation poster.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appointments.** Maryann asked that everyone bring to the next meeting a copy of their last swearing in signature sheet, so that the Town can ascertain the terms of office again for each member.
2. **Vernal Pool Training.** Maryann is setting up a field trip date with Tulle Frazer in April. Regular outdoor training session in Yarmouth 4/19/09, 3:30-5:30 pm

Adjourned 4:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Perry, Secretary.

**Regular March meeting:** 3/17, 3:00 pm.

**-Town Meeting.** 3/14